

# Spotted Dog Running at the Edge of the Sea

*Spotted Dog Running at the Edge of the Sea* (Russian: Пе́гий пёс, бегущий краем моря, translit. Pegiy pyos, Begushchiy kraem morya) is a 1991 Soviet drama film directed by Karen Gevorkian. It won the Golden St. George and the Prix FIPRESCI at the 17th Moscow International Film Festival.<sup>[1]</sup>

Adapted from the novel "Deniz Boyloy Jortkon Ala Dobot" (Kyrgyz language: *Деңиз Бойлой Жорткон Ала Дөбөт*, with same meaning of English title) by Chingiz Aitmatov.<sup>[2]</sup>

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<b>Directed by</b>	<span>Karen Gevorkian</span>
<b>Written by</b>	<span>Chingiz Aitmatov</span> <div>Karen Gevorkian</div>
<b>Starring</b>	<span>Bayarta Dambayev</span>
<b>Cinematography</b>	<span>Karen Gevorkian</span>
<b>Release date</b>	July 1991
<b>Running time</b>	132 minutes
<b>Country</b>	Soviet Union
<b>Language</b>	Russian

## Plot

The life of the Nivih people, a small tribe living on the shores of the Sea of Okhotsk, is described.<sup>[3]</sup>

The movie consists of two parts; first the parts shot on land (many of these parts are not in Aitmatov's novel) and the adventure at sea. The first part is a documentary shot in Sakhalin, the homeland of the Nivihs, and presents sections from the lives of the locals. Examples of local culture are given, such as narrow houses living together in crowds, honor killings, bear hunting and bear ceremonies. The director showed how the tribe lived, hunted, danced and cast spells in real life.<sup>[4]</sup>

The second part is based on Aitmatov's story. A boat is built with the ingenuity of the grandfather and the help of his sons. A ten-year-old boy goes fishing and seal hunting for the first time with his father, uncle and grandfather. However, they encounter a terrible problem. Mist descends on the sea, they get caught in the storm and lose the shore. When the drinking water is exhausted, the men decide to save the life of the child by sacrificing their own lives by putting themselves into the water one by one, each of them in turn.<sup>[5]</sup>

## Cast

- Bayarta Dambayev
- Aleksandr Sasykov
- Doskhan Zholzhaksynov
- Tokon Dayirbekov
- Lyudmila Ivanova

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